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**Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for
Shipment and Receipt of Radioactive Material**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is issuing a revision to Regulatory Guide 7.7, "Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for Shipment and Receipt of Radioactive Material." This regulatory guide describes an approach the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for meeting the administrative requirements associated with the shipment and receipt of radioactive materials.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

This revision to Regulatory Guide 7.7 provides licensees and applicants with a method the NRC considers acceptable for meeting the administrative requirements for transporting

licensed material under 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material" either in a Type B or a Type AF package and receipt, and for opening of the package under 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation." The NRC's administrative requirements for the shipment, receipt, and opening of a Type B package appear in Subpart J, "Precautionary Procedures" of 10 CFR Part 20 and Subpart G, "Operating Controls and Procedures," of 10 CFR Part 71.

The staff developed and published this guidance to provide licensees with an acceptable method to satisfy the administrative requirements in 10 CFR Part 20 and Part 71 for transferring, shipping, and receiving radioactive material.

II. Further Information

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 7.7 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-7007. Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-7007, was published in the *Federal Register* on January 28, 2011 (76 FR 5215) for a 60 days public comment period. The public comment period closed on March 30, 2011. The NRC staff's responses to the public comments on DG-7007 are available under ADAMS Accession Number ML112160411.

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